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Dear FCC Chairman Michael Powell,

As a mother of three children and a citizen who works locally on quality of life issues, I am writing to ask you not to relinquish the FCC's remaining controls over the communications industry. This is indeed a quality of life issue. I believe that it is the FCC's role to defend the rights of consumers not corporations. As a citizen and consumer, I am concerned about the domination of the public's media sources by a few multi-national corporations. Government regulators have unwittingly betrayed the public trust by handing over our radio, broadcast and newspaper industries to a few corporations and diminished our ability as citizens to learn about local, national and international events from a variety of quality sources. I urge you to strengthen, not repeal, the few remaining rules that prevent near total concentration of ownership. Ownership restrictions that, for example, keep a single television network from owning stations that broadcast to more than 35 percent of the nation's homes or a single company from owning more than eight radio stations in the same market, are crucially important if we are to protect our nation from the very real dangers of media monopolies.


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It is unacceptable to believe that cable and internet can replace traditional channels. Many people, including low-income citizens, do not have access to cable and internet and depend on the regular spectrum of channels. However, even in cable and internet, we find the same few names dominating the information we receive on a daily basis. I believe that it is the FCC's responsibility to defend the rights of consumers not corporations, and to err on the side of public protection.

I am asking you to stand up for our rights as Americans to enjoy a free marketplace of ideas that is not controlled by the quest to please advertisers. I beg you to support a free, diverse and independent press by limiting media ownership consolidation. I look forward to receiving your response to my concerns.

Thank you for your consideration.

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